

DSHS Breast and Cervical Cancer Services

Every October a sea of pink can be found to promote Breast Cancer Awareness month. Countless lives have been lost to this disease, but may have been saved because of early detection and treatment. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension supports the efforts to get your recommended screenings and mammograms. The following information provided by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Breast and Cervical Cancer Services explains how to help women who are uninsured get the services they need to be proactive in the fight against breast cancer.

The Texas Breast and Cervical Cancer Services program helps fund clinic sites across the state to provide quality, low-cost, and accessible breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services to women. These services help women receive regular screening, which is the best method to prevent and detect breast or cervical cancer in its earliest stages increasing a women's chance of survival.

You may qualify for free or low-cost breast or cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services if you:

1. Live in Texas, **and**
2. Do not have health insurance; **and**
3. Are age 18 or over; **and**
4. Have income up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (see table below)

You may qualify for Medicaid for Breast and Cervical Cancer (MBCC) if you:

1. Have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer; **and**
2. Need treatment for a breast or cervical cancer; **and**
3. Live in Texas; **and**
4. Are a U.S. citizen or eligible immigrant; and
5. Are age 18-64 years; **and**
6. Do not have health insurance; **and**
7. Have income up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (see table below)

200% FPL Table		
Household Size ¹	Annual Maximum Gross Family Income	Monthly Maximum Gross Family Income
1 Person	\$23,340	\$1,945
2 People	\$31,460	\$2,622
3 People	\$39,580	\$3,299
4 People	\$47,700	\$3,975
5 People	\$55,820	\$4,652
6 People	\$63,820	\$5,329

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Household Size ¹	Annual Maximum Gross Family Income	Monthly Maximum Gross Family Income
7 People	\$72,060	\$6,005
8 People	\$80,180	\$6,682

¹For households with more than 8 people, add \$8,120 annually and \$677 monthly for each additional person.

You may qualify for free or low-cost breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services if you meet the general eligibility criteria above and are:

Breast Cancer Screening Services:

- Age 40-64 years
- Over age 64 years and not eligible for Medicare

Breast Cancer Diagnostic Services:

- Age 18-64 years
- Over age 64 years and not eligible for Medicare

Cervical Cancer Screening Services:

- Age 21-64 years
- Over age 64 years with and has had cervical cancer or moderate-to-severe cervical dysplasia and not eligible for Medicare

Cervical Cancer Diagnostic Services:

- Age 18-64 years
- Over age 64 years and not eligible for Medicare

High priority populations most at risk for developing breast or cervical cancer:

Breast cancer screening: Ages 50-64 years

Cervical cancer screening: Ages 21-64 years

If you think you may qualify, go to www.txclinics.com to look up a clinic near you to get services. You may also reach the Department of Health and Human Services at 512-776-7111 or <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/contact.shtm> for more information on this article.

You may also contact the AgriLife Extension Office at 903-473-4580 or visit us at rains.agrilife.org. We are also on Facebook at [Facebook.com/pages/Rains-County-Family-Consumer-Sciences](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rains-County-Family-Consumer-Sciences). Go and “Like” our page to keep up with the latest news, events, and programs offered by Family & Consumer Sciences in Rains County.

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